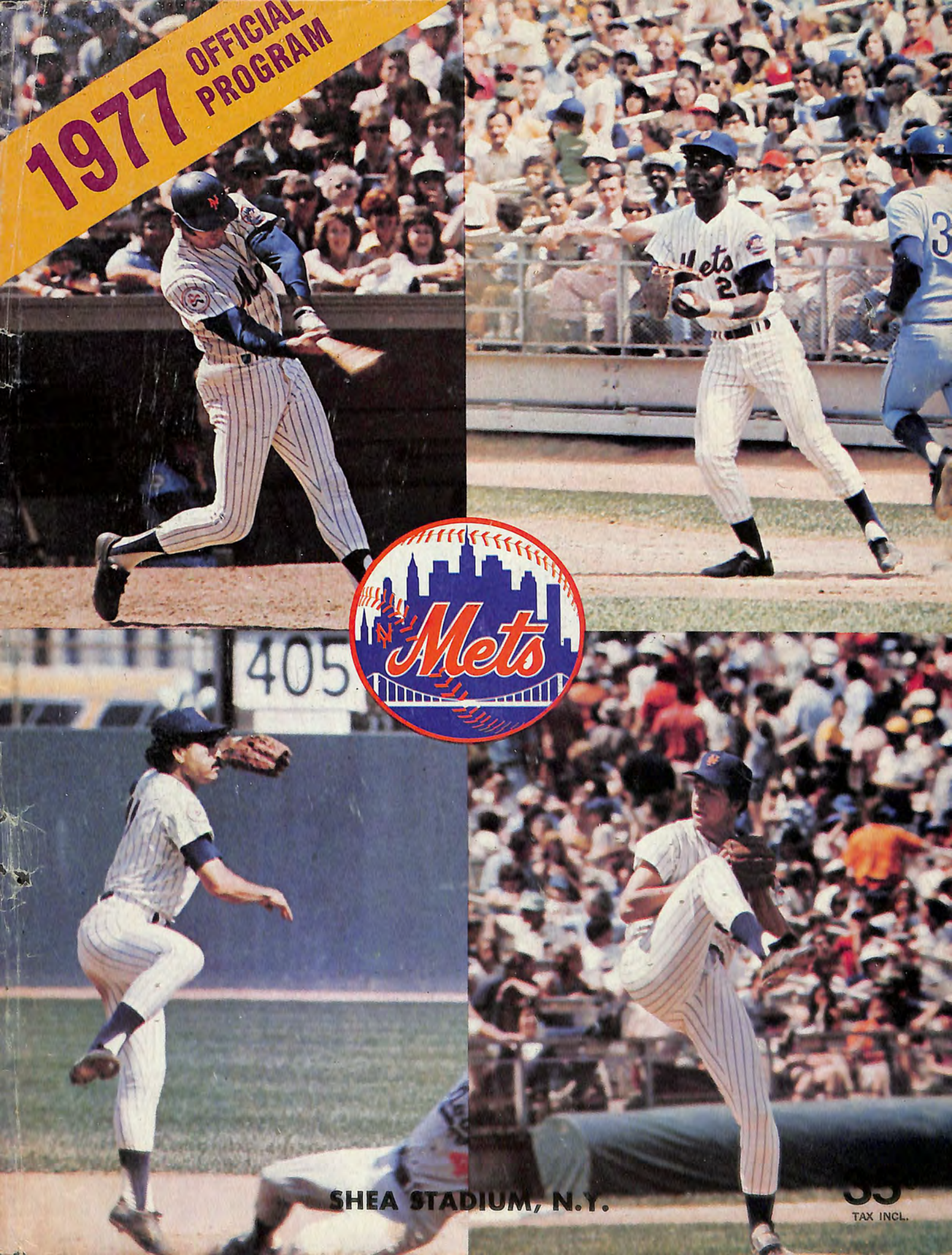
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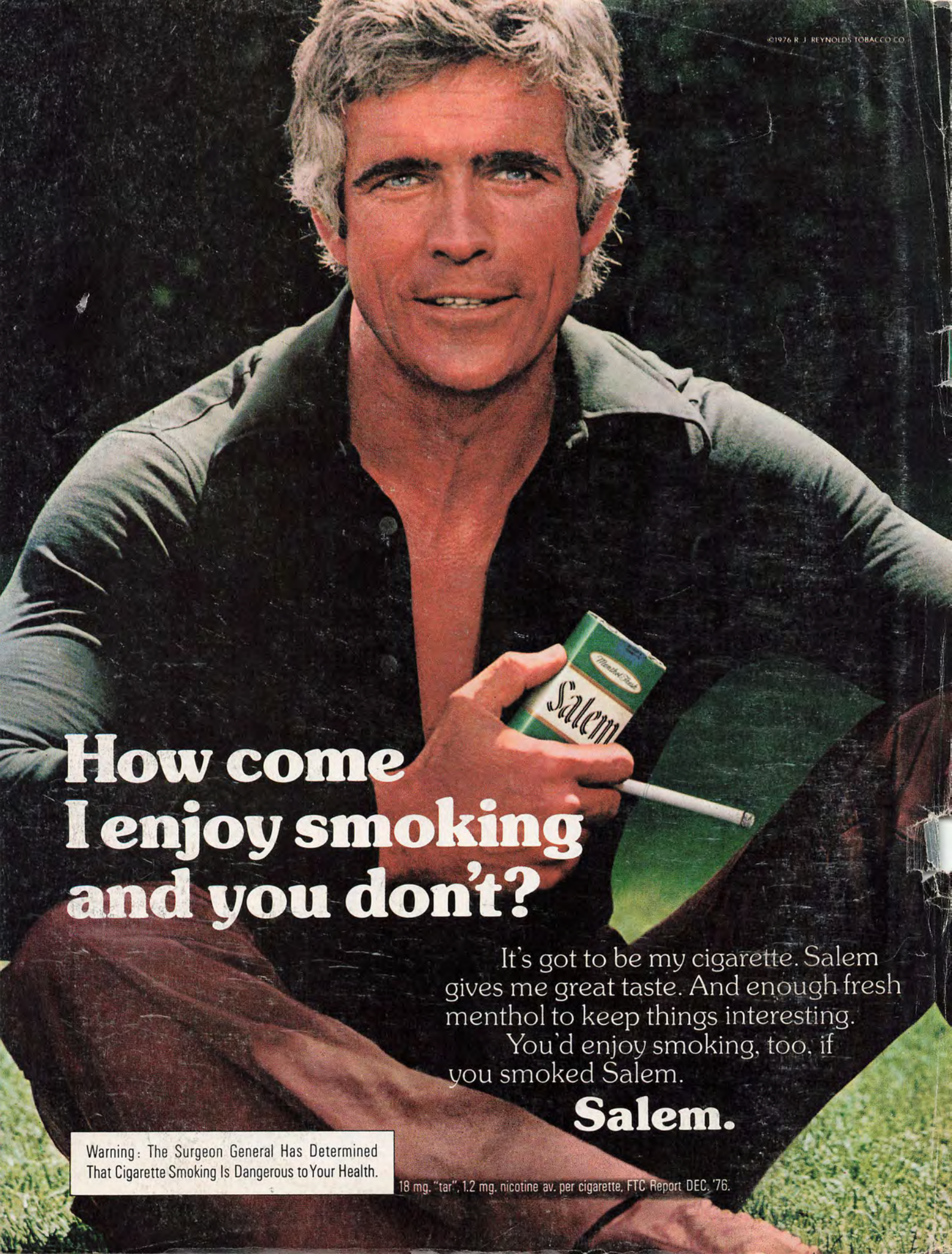
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THE FIRST 15 YEARS!

BY JACK LANG
Long Island Press

Fifteen years. Is it really fifteen years? Where did they go. It seems like only yesterday Casey Stengel was assembling that first New York Mets squad in St. Petersburg.

What memories that first year evokes. Who can ever forget the happiness and the joy shared by millions when the late, great lady, Mrs. Joan Payson, Donald Grant, George Weiss and Bill Shea succeeded in bringing National League ball back to New York. This city had been deprived of it for four long years but now the new baby was born and it was soon to know a love like no other love.

Oh sure, there were the difficult growing up years. The baby in pinstripes took many a fall before making that first successful step. But who cared. The Mets were lovable and the understanding fans showered them with affection. The fans, in fact — yes, you Met fans — were almost as much a part of the show.

First came the banners paraded through the stands of the Polo Grounds and then the familiar bedsheets draped from upper stands. New Yorkers were pouring out their love for this new baby, nurturing it along until it would grow up to be as big and strong as any of the other boys in the league.

They were not easy years for the front office. Weiss and Grant, urged on by the biggest fan of all — Joan Payson — kept the checkbook open in their search for talent that would help their baby grow.

Frank Thomas, Charley Neal, Carlton Willey, Jimmy Piersall. They were all purchased by the Mets in an attempt to improve the club and give it a measure of respectability.

That the Mets in 1962 would go down in baseball history as one of the most inept teams of all time, certainly was not for lack of effort on the club's part. It was embarrassing to Weiss that his first team would lose a record 120 games and finish 60½ games out of first place.

The fans recognized the effort. Over 900,000 paying customers turned out at the Polo Grounds that first year and more than a million the second year.

Then came the dawn of a new era that was to portend eventual artistic as well as financial success. The

Mrs. Joan W. Payson — the Mets' No. 1 fan — and her manager, Gil Hodges, who brought the club its first world title.

Mets moved into sparkling new Shea Stadium in 1964. If the team's record did not improve as steadily as the attendance, it was only a matter of time.

There were five straight 10th place finshes under Casey Stengel and Wes Westrum, a slight move up to ninth place in 1966 and then a slip back to 10th in the following season. But better days were coming.

In 1967 a young, hard-throwing righthander named George Thomas Seaver arrived on the scene. The Mets had lucked out on him when Seaver's contract with the Braves was voided and then-Commissioner William Eckert decreed that all other interested clubs could bid for Seaver's services. Of the 19 eligible, only three responded — the Mets, Phils and Indians. The Mets won when they were awarded negotiating rights to Seaver. As Branch Rickey once said, luck is the residue of design.

The Mets had always been interested in Seaver and when he became available, they pulled out their checkbook and gave him a $50,000 bonus. Considering Seaver's accomplishments since, it was a modest investment.

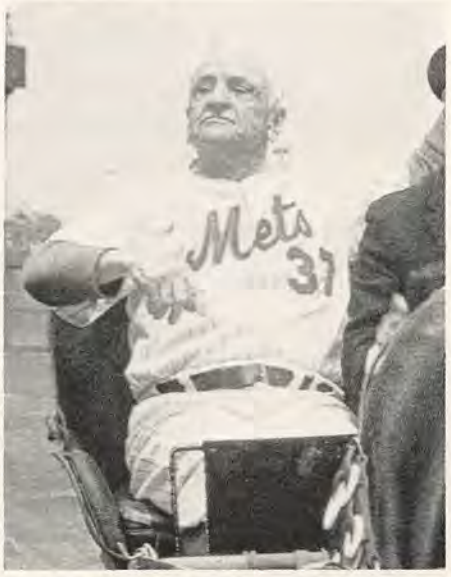
So, too, was the more than $100,000 and Pitcher Bill Denehy that Grant sent to the then Washington Senators in October 1967 to bring Gil Hodges back to New York as manager.

With the arrival of Hodges and the emergence of Seaver and Jerry Koosman as pitching stars, the pieces suddenly began to fall into place at Shea. Via careful planning and shrewd trades that brought Donn Clendenon, Tommie Agee and Art Shamsky to New York, the Mets suddenly, under the astute guidance of Hodges in the dugout, shed the mask of clowns and donned the mantle of champions.

In Hodges' second season at the helm, the Mets created baseball history with an incredible climb from ninth place one year to world champions the next. No team had ever gone from that lowly position to the top of the baseball world in one short year. And the Mets also became the first expansion team ever to win the world's championship.

No team can ever match the joy the Mets provided for their hysterical customers in 1969. It was a season loaded with thrills . . . the overtaking of the overconfident Chicago Cubs, the near-perfect game by Tom Seaver and those dazzling world series catches by Tommie Agee and Ron Swoboda. Who can ever forget them?

The rest is history. Once they established themselves in 1969, the Mets have been contenders ever year. They captured the imagination of the nation's fans again in 1973 when, with Yogi Berra at the helm, they won the National League East crown, toppled the heavily favored Cincinnati Reds in the playoffs and went on to carry the Oakland Athletics to the seventh game of the world series before bowing.



The great Casey Stengel — he led the Mets in the opening years from 1962 until mid-'65.

Joe Frazier And His Staff

They Call The Shots On The Field!

The Mets' board of strategy: (l. to r.) Willie Mays, Rube Walker, Manager Joe Frazier, Tom Burgess, Denny Sommers and Joe Pignatano.

In 1962, when John Kennedy was President and Casey Stengel was master of the original "amazing Mets," Joe Frazier was scouting for the other new team in the National League, the Houston Colt 45's.

Tom Burgess was playing first base and the outfield for one of the new teams in the American League, the Los Angeles Angels.

Denny Sommers was a 22-year-old catcher at Springfield, Mass., where he once caught 160 games in a row.

Joe Pignatano was a catcher for the San Francisco Giants, and was about to be bought by Professor Stengel's Mets.

Rube Walker was managing Amarillo in the Texas League.

And Willie Mays was leading the Giants to the pennant with 49 home runs.

Now, 15 years later, drawn from the corners of the baseball world, there they stand — calling the shots in Shea Stadium: Frazier masterminding it all, Burgess at third base, Sommers at first, Pignatano in the bullpen, Walker handling the pitchers and Willie being all things to all people.

Among them, they have spent 36 summers as managers in organized ball and one century of summers as players.

They come from all over the map, too. Frazier and Walker from North Carolina, Burgess from Ontario, Canada, Sommers from Wisconsin, Pignatano from Brooklyn .and Mays from Alabama. And they arrived in waves: Walker and Pignatano came up from Washington Senators with Gil Hodges in 1968, Willie was ransomed from the Giants in 1972 and stayed (with 660 home runs at the close), Frazier graduated from Tidewater last year after winning the International League pennant in 1975 and Burgess and Sommers reached town this year after managing at Tidewater and at Midland in the Texas League.

Why did Joe Frazier pick Burgess and Sommers to join the cast this season?

"We all managed together in the Texas League in 1973," Joe remembers. "Denny was at Amarillo, Tom at Little Rock and me at Memphis. I just liked the way they did it."

He should have liked it. Burgess finished third at Little Rock, Sommers fourth at Amarillo and guess who finished first at Memphis? That's right, Joe Frazier, who won five pennants in 10 years in the minor leagues.

"Everywhere I managed against him," says Sommers, setting the record straight, "he won. Two years in the California League, two years in the Texas League. He even beat me in the playoffs at Fresno."

So, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. Which is what Burgess and Sommers did when Frazier invited them to join the board of strategy in New York.

And if you hung all their honors on the locker-room wall, there wouldn't be room for the batting-practice schedule: Frazier was voted manager of the year almost every place he worked, and in 1954 led the major leagues in pinch-hits with 20 . . . Burgess played 15 seasons, twice was voted Most Valuable Player and once the manager of the year in the minors . . . Sommers played 19 seasons and was manager of the year in Texas in 1975 . . . Pignatano not only played in the World Series for the Dodgers but also hit into a triple play for the Mets . . . Walker once got two hits and scored two runs in one inning for the Dodgers, and managed first-place teams twice in the minors . . . and Willie Mays — well, for openers, was Rookie of the Year, twice the Most Valuable Player, four times the home-run king, five times the slugging king and 24 times on All-Star. And he got 3,283 hits, besides.

In addition to all that, Frazier can even cook. And, reports Nelson Burbrink of the Mets' high command, "Sommers hits a golf ball a mile."

"But not straight," says Sommers, modestly.

"He's a gorilla," replies Burbrink, with a trace of envy.

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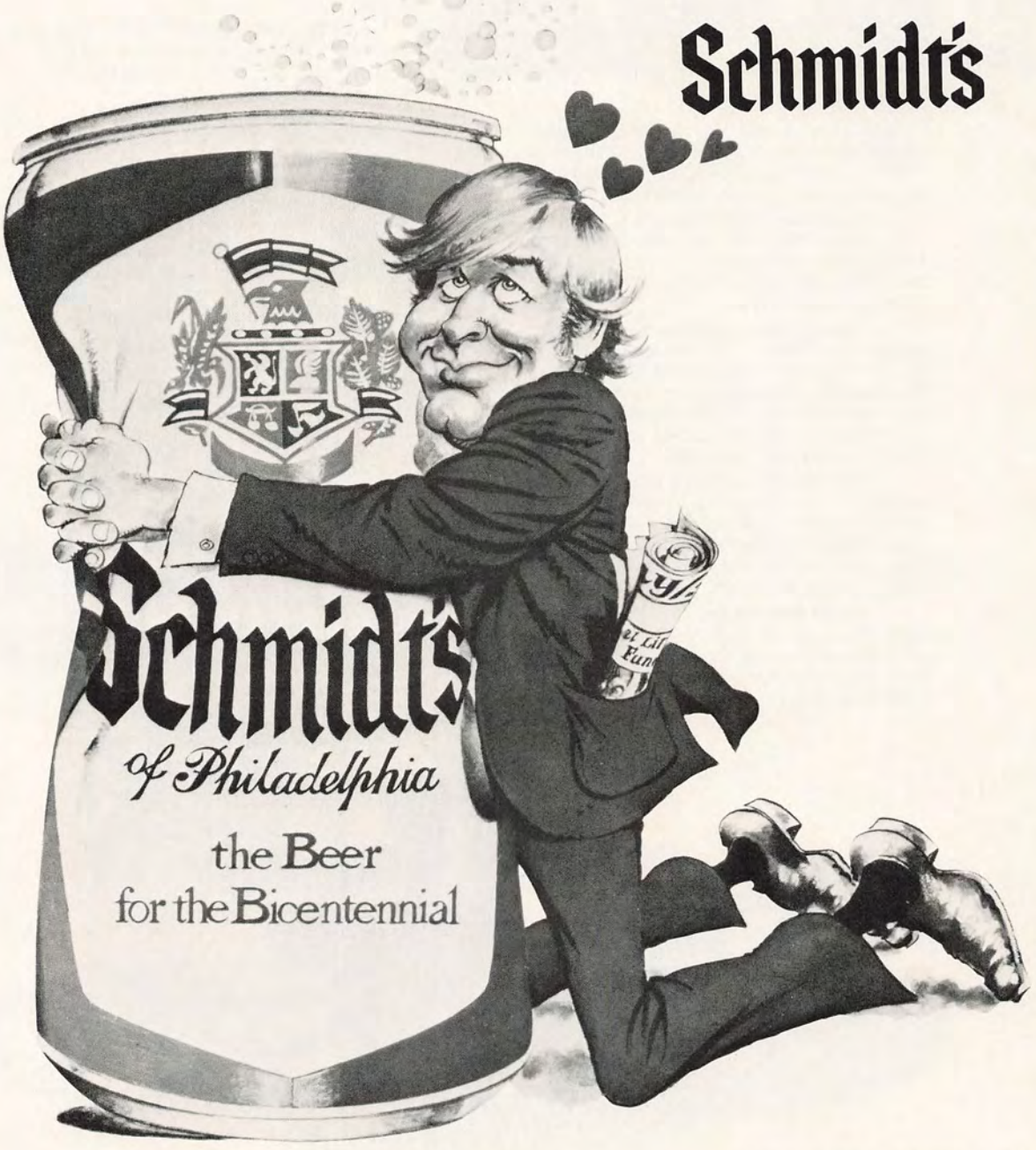

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On The Mets' Calendar

'77 Is the Year of the Hammer

BY RED FOLEY
New York Daily News

The Chinese, from Mott Street to Peking, are celebrating it as the Year of the Serpent. But to the New York Mets, 1977 is the Year of the Hammer.

"I believe this is going to be my year, I really do," insists John David Milner, alias The Hammer. At 27 and with five major league seasons behind him, the compactly-built Georgian with the sweet southside swing, believes the current season will be the one in which he justifies his longtime label as "the best hitter in the Mets' organization".

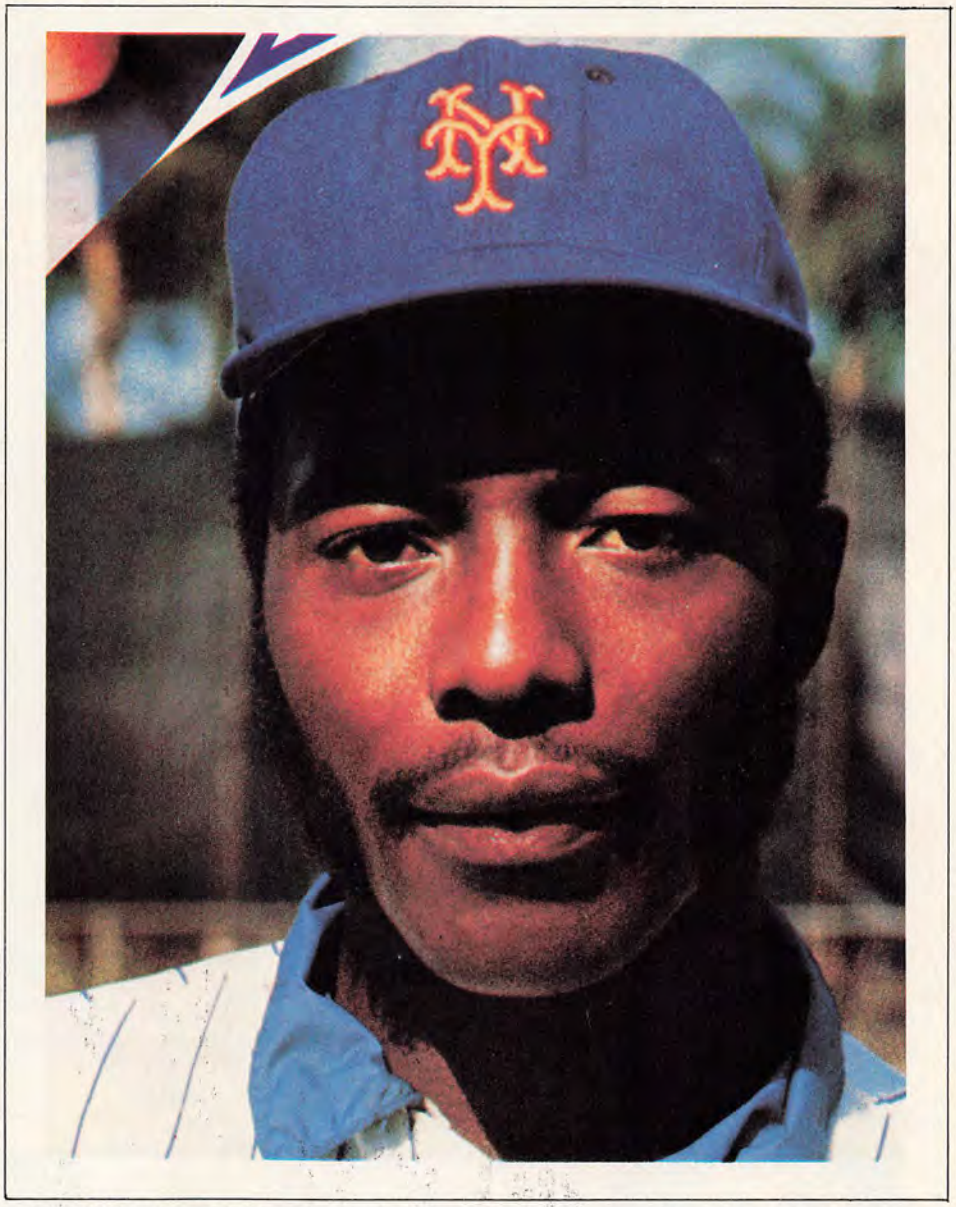
"Maybe it's confidence or something, I don't know," Milner explained. "I just know I can do it this time. But I've got to keep from getting hurt. If I can stay healthy I'll produce."

Being hurt is something Milner has had to endure from the outset. Though never seriously injured, he has been sidelined by one painful muscle pull after another. To some the term "Charley Horse" is funny, but it's no laughing matter to the Hammer.

"He's tightly wound and that's a price his type athlete has to pay," explains Mets' trainer Tom McKenna who, along with club physician Dr. James Parkes, has given Milner a series of exercises designed to prevent the pulls that have kept him out of the lineup.

Milner feels his newest prescription can supply the antidote that will keep his valuable legs supple this season. "If I work on them before a game and go out and make some quick starts and stops I'll get loose," he said.

Realizing he's not one who can maintain his physical edge playing spasmodically, the Hammer intends playing fulltime in 1977. Though he prefers batting No. 3 and playing first base in Joe Frazier's lineup, Milner's attitude won't be affected regardless of where the Mets' skipper stations him.



John Milner is generally recognized as the best young power-hitter ever produced by the Mets. He feels this could be his year.

"I believe I can play 150 games if I stay healthy," said the man who has never appeared in more than the 137 games he played in 1974. "Sure I'd like to bat third, but that's not going to make any difference," he added. "As far as I'm concerned I'll hit anywhere they ask me, because I'm ready for the challenge."

Being challenged is what's motivating the new John Milner this year. Experience is the best teacher and the Hammer has become an apt pupil. He knows the disappointment his employers have felt with some of his earlier turns and Milner is resolved to wipe that all away with the kind of output that will enable him to reach the long predicted pinnacle.

"I know I'm capable of hitting 25 to 30 homers and driving in 95 or 100 runs," he said. "As for a batting average, I'm capable of hitting .315 or .320."

The Hammer knows now that baseball, even for one with his immense talent, isn't easy. It wasn't a simple lesson for him to absorb, either. Highly touted when promoted from Tidewater for a late-season look in 1971, Milner has had to struggle both physically and mentally. It has taken him awhile to gain the confidence needed to be a professional hitter, but Milner feels he has the experience to fulfill his destiny.

"I've learned the pitchers and what they can and cannot throw," he explained. "I've gotten to like the challenging situations. I like to be up when the game is on the line. I've reached a point where I want to be the one who has to do it, the one who

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Seaver, Koosman, Matlack

BASEBALL'S TOP THREESOME!

The Mets' top threesome of (l. to r.) Koosman, Seaver and Matlack form a matchless combo.

BY MAURY ALLEN
New York Post

"Trying to hit Tom Seaver's fast ball," said Willie Stargell, "is like trying to drink coffee with a fork."

No baseball wit yet has been able to define the similar difficulties in handling the lefthanded serves of Shea's dynamic southpaw duo of Jerry Koosman and Jon Matlack.

It is enough to say that the talents of Seaver, Koosman and Matlack sometimes reach indescribable heights. A three game series against the Mets with a rotation of Seaver, Koosman and Matlack is as good a cause for nightmares among National League hitters as broken bats.

Baseball has had its legendary pitching staffs through the years. Remember the fears of hitters facing Whitey Ford, Eddie Lopat, Vic Raschi and Allie Reynolds. Or the trauma of going against Bob Feller, Bob Lemon, Early Wynn and Mike Garcia in the same set. There have been only two pitching staffs in history with four 20-game winners, the 1920 White Sox and the 1971 Orioles. There have been several with three 20-game winners and many with two 20-game winners.

This year the Mets can run out two 20-game winners in Seaver and Koosman and a 27-year-old left-hander in Matlack who should be on the threshold of many 20-game seasons.

It would not be difficult to argue that Seaver, Koosman and Matlack are the best pitching threesome in the game today and one of the best set of three starters the game has ever seen.

Seaver has been the dominant National League pitcher for a decade now, Koosman is not far behind and Matlack could be the top National League pitcher from now into the 1980s.

Seaver, the three time Cy Young award winner, Koosman, who just missed last year and Matlack, certainly a serious contender, all came to the Mets through different routes.

George Thomas Seaver, a skinny kid from Fresno, California, grew strong and tough after a Marine hitch, went back to college at USC and was selected in the 1966 free agent draft by the Atlanta Braves. The signing was delayed until after USC had already played a game making Seaver's penmanship on the Braves' document illegal.

Commissioner William D. Eckert selected the Mets out of his hat in a lucky draw when Seaver's services were made available to all.

The rest, as they say in the story

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MANAGER: Joe Frazier (55)
COACHES: Willie Mays (24); Denny Sommers (51); Joe Pignatano (52); Tom Burgess (53); Rube Walker (54)

TEAM PHYSICIAN: Dr. James Parkes
TRAINERS: Tom McKenna, Joe Deer
EQUIPMENT MGR.: Herb Norman

NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	Date of Birth	1976 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO
34	Apodaca, Bob	R	R	5-11	175	1/31/50	METS	3-7	2.80	43	90	71	29	45
45	Baldwin, Rick	L	R	6-3	180	6/ 1/53	Tidewater	8-4	2.32	46	74	53	36	35
							METS	0-0	2.35	11	23	14	10	9
39	Espinosa, Nino	R	R	6-0	160	8/15/53	Tidewater	7-3	2.91	14	108	106	34	66
							METS	4-4	3.64	12	42	41	13	30
36	Koosman, Jerry	R	L	6-2	208	12/23/43	METS	21-10	2.70	34	247	205	66	200
38	Lockwood, Skip	R	R	6-0	195	8/17/46	METS	10-7	2.68	56	94	62	34	108
32	Matlack, Jon	L	L	6-3	205	1/19/50	METS	17-10	2.95	35	262	236	57	153
44	Myrick, Bob	R	L	6-1	195	10/ 1/52	Tidewater	2-0	2.63	13	24	22	10	22
							METS	1-1	3.21	21	28	34	13	11
33	Sadecki, Ray	L	L	5-11	190	12/26/40	KC-Mil.	2-0	3.86	39	42	45	23	28
41	Seaver, Tom	R	R	6-1	206	11/17/44	METS	14-11	2.59	35	271	211	77	235
40	Solari, Dennis	R	R	6-0	177	11/12/54	Tidewater	6-4	2.71	42	86	84	22	45
27	Swan, Craig	R	R	6-3	225	11/30/50	METS	6-9	3.55	23	132	129	44	89

NO.	CATCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	Date of Birth	1976 CLUB	AVE.	G	AB	H	HR	RBI	SB
15	Grote, Jerry	R	R	5-11	190	10/ 6/42	METS	.272	101	323	88	4	28	1
42	Hodges, Ron	L	R	6-1	185	6/22/49	METS	.226	56	155	35	4	24	2
12	Stearns, John	R	R	6-0	185	8/21/51	METS	.262	32	103	27	2	10	1
							Tidewater	.310	102	332	103	10	45	11

NO.	INFIELDERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	Date of Birth	1976 CLUB	AVE.	G	AB	H	HR	RBI	SB
23	Auerbach, Rick	R	R	6-0	185	2/15/50	Los Angeles	.128	36	47	6	0	1	0
1	Foster, Leo	R	R	5-11	165	2/ 2/51	Tidewater	.287	71	230	66	5	39	6
							METS	.203	24	59	12	1	15	3
3	Harrelson, Bud	SW	R	5-11	160	6/ 6/44	METS	.234	118	359	84	1	26	9
7	Kranepool, Ed	L	L	6-3	210	11/ 8/44	METS	.292	123	415	121	10	49	1
17	Millan, Felix	R	R	5-11	172	8/21/43	METS	.282	139	531	150	1	35	2
5	Phillips, Mike	L	R	6-0	180	8/19/50	METS	.256	87	262	67	4	29	2
2	Staiger, Roy	R	R	6-0	200	1/ 6/50	METS	.220	95	304	67	2	26	3
9	Torre, Joe	R	R	6-1	200	7/18/40	METS	.306	114	310	95	5	31	1

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21	Baldwin, Billy	L	L	6-0	180	6/ 9/51	Tidewater	.271	133	495	134	17	72	18
							METS	.273	9	22	6	1	5	0
4	Boisclair, Bruce	L	L	6-2	190	12/ 9/52	METS	.287	110	286	82	2	13	9
26	Kingman, Dave	R	R	6-6	210	12/21/48	METS	.238	123	474	113	37	86	7
11	Mangual, Pepe	R	R	5-9	165	5/23/52	Expos-METS	.237	107	317	75	4	25	24
16	Mazzilli, Lee	SW	R	6-1	180	3/25/55	Jackson	.292	131	439	128	13	43	28
							METS	.195	24	77	15	2	7	5
28	Milner, John	L	L	6-0	185	12/28/49	METS	.271	127	443	120	15	78	0
6	Vail, Mike	R	R	6-1	180	11/10/51	METS	.217	53	143	31	0	9	0

HOW TO SCORE

Baseball shorthand as used by baseball writers will make every game more enjoyable to baseball enthusiasts. They use a simple system of symbols and numerals that record all the plays, and make it possible to review the game, play by play, after it is completed.

All the players are numbered, in the following rotation:

Pitcher	1	Second Base	4	Left Field	7
Catcher	2	Third Base	5	Cent. Field	8
First Base	3	Shortstop	6	Right Field	9

SYMBOLS FOR THE PLAYS

Single	—	Fielders Choice	FC	Error	E
Double	=	Hit by Pitcher	HP	Sacrifice	SH
Triple	≡	Wild Pitch	WP	Walk	BB
Home Run	≡	Passed Ball	PB	Strikeout	K
		Stolen Base	S	Balk	BK

SAMPLE PLAYS

In the play to the left the batter reached first on the second baseman's error, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch, and scord on a passed ball. It is convenient to circle all runs as shown, so that all scoring plays can be seen at a glance.

In the play to the right the batter singled to left but was forced out, shortstop to second baseman, in the succeeding play. The notation for the batter who forced him would be FC—Fielder's Choice.

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From the moment a person enters the four-story structure, he is engulfed by artifacts of the great names and great moments in diamond history. Many visitors spend three or four hours enjoying the mementoes. Some have been known to remain for an entire day, so tremendous and fascinating is the collection of memorabilia.

Objects on display range from the days of the Civil War — and earlier — to the present. The oldest item is an odd-looking, home-made baseball that some believe was used by Abner Doubleday, who supposedly invented baseball in Cooperstown in 1839.

Other historic objects can be seen at the Baseball Museum soon after the event in which they were involved. They included baseballs autographed at last summer's All-Star Game by President Gerald Ford and the rival catchers, Thurman Munson and Johnny Bench, and also the caps worn by Larry Dierker, John Candelaria and John Montefusco during their no-hitters last year.

Willie Mays holds autographing session in Babe Ruth Room during New York Mets' 1976 visit to Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Many other items of significance and of interest to fans were added to the Cooperstown shrine's collection during the past year. Among them were a duplicate of the Commissioner's Trophy, which is awarded each year to the winning team in the World Series; one of the Cincinnati Reds' world championship rings, a baseball from the last game that Connie Mack managed back in 1950, and two beautiful paintings — "The Mighty Babe" (Ruth's 1932 World Series homer) and "The Record Breaker" (Hank Aaron's 715th homer) — that Robert Thom created last year in connection with the Most Memorable Moments contest.

The blending of past and present gives the Shrine a distinctive touch. All visitors are captivated by the Babe Ruth Room. Even most youngsters seem to know about the Bambino. They thrill to the opportunity to see his Yankee Stadium locker, the uniform, bats and glove he used

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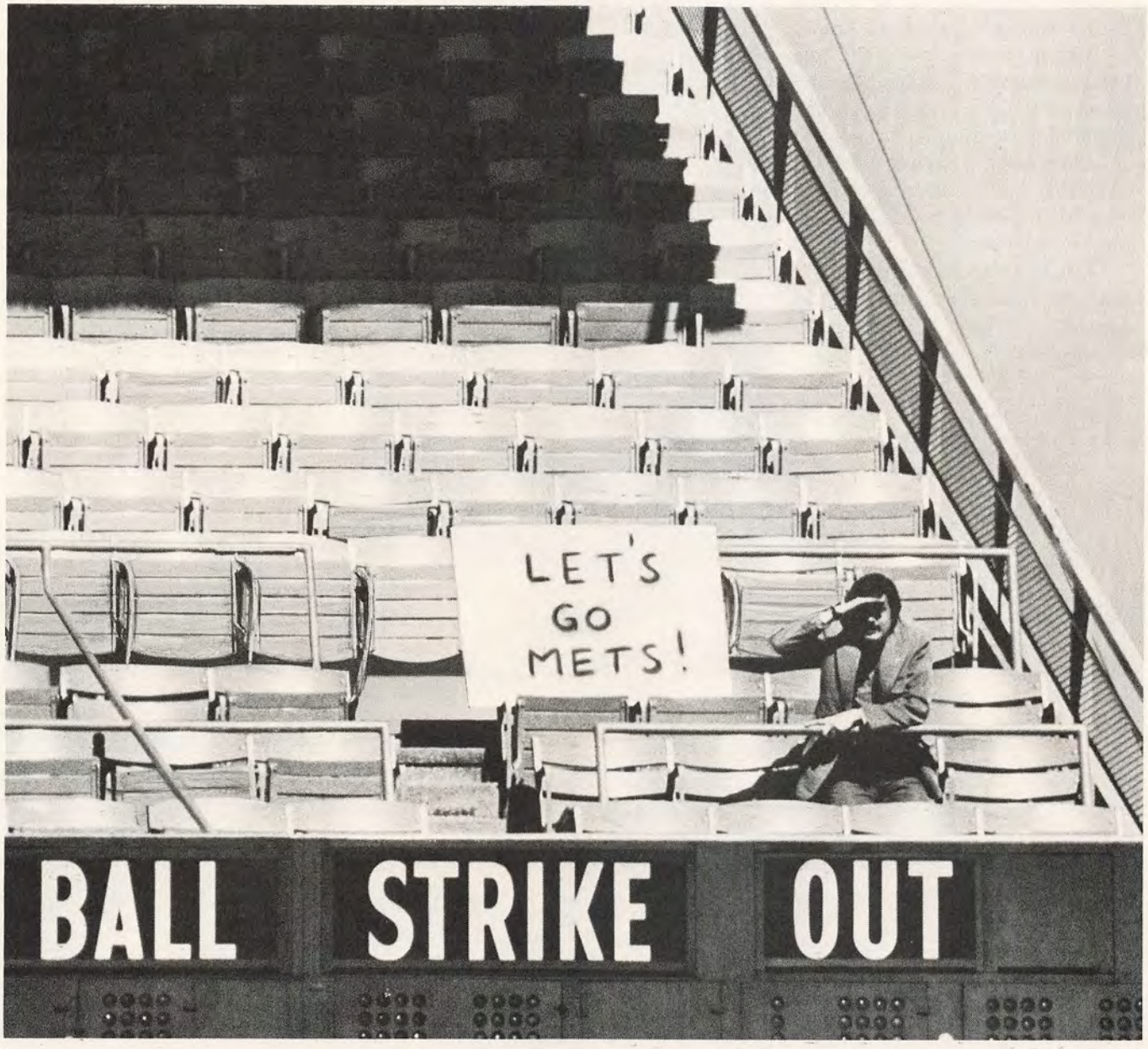

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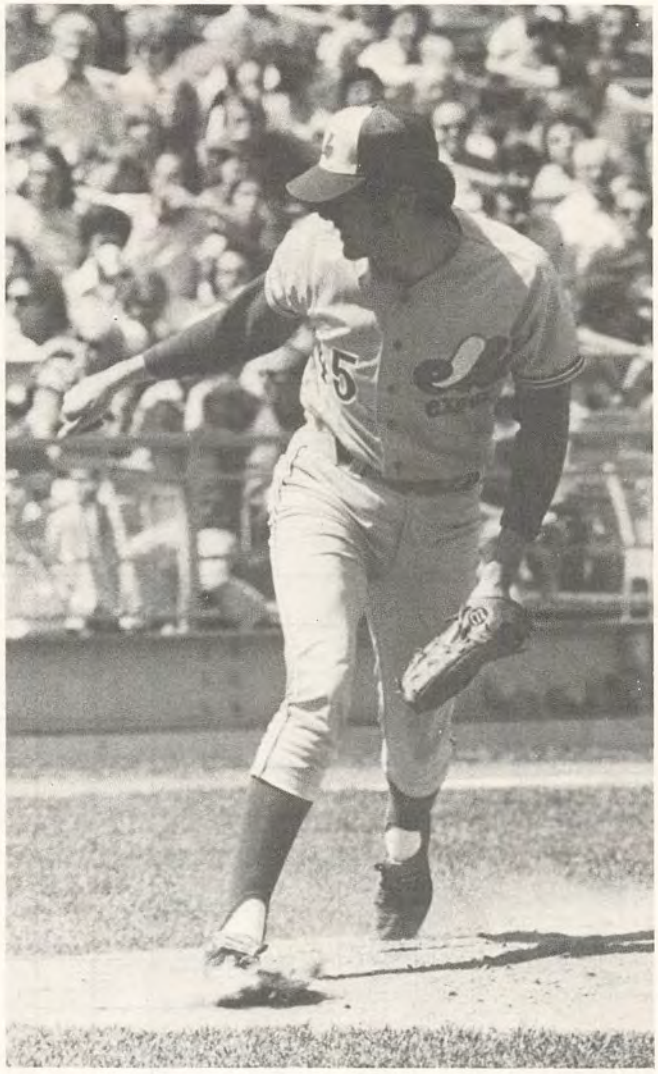

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Averages as of 6/24/77	HR	RBI	AVG
CATCHERS			
8 BOONE, BOB	3	30	.271
9 FOOTE, BARRY	2	8	.231
11 McCARVER, TIM	1	7	.290
INFIELDERS			
6 SIZEMORE, TED	2	20	.267
10 BOWA, LARRY	4	24	.273
14 HUTTON, TOMMY	1	6	.194
15 JOHNSON, DAVE	3	11	.300
17 HARMON, TERRY	1	3	.214
18 HEBNER, RICHIE	7	25	.325
20 SCHMIDT, MIKE	18	42	.264
OUTFIELDERS			
19 LUZINSKI, GREG	15	46	.335
21 JOHNSTONE, JAY	2	19	.270
22 McBRIDE, BAKE	5	34	.265
23 BROWN, OLLIE	1	8	.217
25 MARTIN, JERRY	3	9	.293
31 MADDOX, GARRY	5	30	.285

PITCHERS	W-L	ERA
26 GARBER, GENE	2-4	2.80
32 CARLTON, STEVE	9-3	3.00
33 WARTHEN, DAN	2-3	7.97
38 CHRISTENSON, L.	6-5	5.83
39 KAAT, JIM	2-5	6.17
40 BRUSSTAR, W.	1-1	3.33
41 LONBORG, JIM	1-0	3.33
42 REED, RON	5-2	2.60
45 McGRAW, TUG	2-0	1.13
47 LERCH, RANDY	5-2	4.76

PHILLIES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	AB	R	H	RBI	PO	A	E
										10	11	12	13	14	15	16

MANAGER: 3 OZARK, DANNY
COACHES: 1 BERINGER, CARROLL
2 DE MARS, BILLY
4 RIPPELMEYER, RAY
7 WINE, BOBBY
12 TAYLOR,TONY

NATIONAL LEAGUE UMPIRES

1 Colosi; 2 Dale; 3 Davidson; 4 Engel; 5 Froemming; 6 Gorman; 7 Harvey; 8 Kibler; 9 McSherry; 10 Olsen; 11 Pryor; 12 Pulli; 13 Rennert; 14 Runge; 15 Stello; 16 Sudol; 17 Tata; 18 Vargo; 19 Wendelstedt; 20 Weyer; 21 A. Williams; 22 B. Williams; 23 Quick; 24 Montague; 25 Crawford

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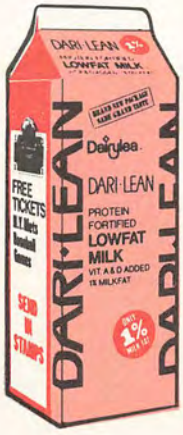
Averages as of 6/24/77	HR	RBI	AVG
CATCHERS			
12 STEARNS, JOHN	8	28	.282
15 GROTE, JERRY	0	7	.264
42 HODGES, RON	0	2	.320
INFIELDERS			
1 VALENTINE, B.	1	10	.171
3 HARRELSON, BUD	1	9	.175
7 KRANEPOOL, ED	7	20	.296
11 RANDLE, LENNY	2	8	.306
17 MILLAN, FELIX	0	7	.220
23 FLYNN, DOUG	0	5	.231
OUTFIELDERS			
4 BOISCLAIR, B.	3	16	.266
5 HENDERSON, S.	1	3	.385
6 VAIL, MIKE	2	12	.340
16 MAZZILLI, LEE	1	14	.225
18 YOUNGBLOOD, J.	0	1	.185
28 MILNER, JOHN	8	27	.287

PITCHERS	W-L	ERA
27 SWAN, CRAIG	4-4	4.03
30 TODD, JACKSON	2-2	4.34
32 MATLACK, JON	3-7	3.82
34 APODACA, BOB	2-2	2.83
36 KOOSMAN, JERRY	5-7	2.97
38 LOCKWOOD, SKIP	1-3	3.29
39 ESPINOSA, NINO	4-5	3.89
40 ZACHRY, PAT	3-8	4.78
44 MYRICK, BOB	0-1	3.00
45 BALDWIN, RICK	1-0	3.46

METS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	AB 10	R 11	H 12	RBI 13	PO 14	A 15	E 16

MANAGER: 9 TORRE, JOE

COACHES:
24 MAYS, WILLIE
51 SOMMERS, DENNY
52 PIGNATANO, JOE
53 BURGESS, TOM
54 WALKER, RUBE



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NO.	PITCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	AGE	CLUB 1976	W-L	ERA
40	Brusstar, Warren	R	R	6-3	200	25	Rea	10-17	2.71
32	Carlton, Steve	L	L	6-5	210	32	Pha	20-7	3.13
38	Christenson, Larry	R	R	6-4	210	23	Pha	13-8	3.67
26	Garber, Gene	R	R	5-10	175	29	Pha	9-3	2.81
39	Kaat, Jim	L	L	6-5	215	38	Pha	12-14	3.47
47	Lerch, Randy	L	L	6-3	195	22	Ok. Cty	13-11	3.34
							Pha	0-0	3.00
41	Lonborg, Jim	R	R	6-5	202	34	Pha	18-10	3.08
45	McGraw, Tug	R	L	6-0	185	32	Pha	7-6	2.51
42	Reed, Ron	R	R	6-6	215	34	Pha	8-7	2.46
33	Warthen, Dan	SW	L	6-0	200	24	Den	4-0	3.18
							Mtl	2-10	5.30

NO.	CATCHERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	AGE	1976 CLUB	AVG.	HR	RBI
8	Boone, Bob	R	R	6-2	208	29	Pha	.271	4	54
9	Foote, Barry	R	R	6-3	210	25	Mtl	.234	7	27
11	McCarver, Tim	L	R	6-0	195	35	Pha	.277	3	29

NO.	INFIELDERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	AGE	1976 CLUB	AVG.	HR	RBI
10	Bowa, Larry	SW	R	5-10	155	31	Pha	.248	0	49
17	Harmon, Terry	R	R	6-2	185	33	Pha	.295	0	6
18	Hebner, Richie	L	R	6-1	197	29	Pit	.249	8	51
14	Hutton, Tom	L	L	5-11	170	31	Pha	.202	1	13
15	Johnson, Dave	R	R	6-1	182	34	Tok	.275	26	74
20	Schmidt, Mike	R	R	6-2	198	27	Pha	.262	38	107
6	Sizemore, Ted	R	R	5-10	158	32	LA	.241	0	18

NO.	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT.	WT.	AGE	1976 CLUB	AVG.	HR	RBI
23	Brown, Ollie	R	R	6-3	205	33	Pha	.254	5	30
21	Johnstone, Jay	L	R	6-1	185	30	Pha	.318	5	53
19	Luzinski, Greg	R	R	6-1	225	26	Pha	.304	21	95
31	Maddox, Garry	R	R	6-3	175	27	Pha	.330	6	68
25	Martin, Jerry	R	R	6-1	195	28	Pha	.248	2	15
22	McBride, Bake	L	R	6-2	190	28	StL	.335	3	24

MANAGER: Danny Ozark (3)
COACHES: Carroll Beringer (1); Billy DeMars (2); Ray Rippelmeyer (4); Tony Taylor (12); Bobby Wine (7).

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ATLANTA	CHICAGO	CINCINNATI	HOUSTON
33 Camp	33 Bonham	43 Billingham	47 Andujar
32 Campbell	34 Burris	34 Borbon	38 Bannister
47 Capra	38 W. Hernandez	44 Capilla	43 K. Forsch
42 Collins	39 Krukow	35 Fryman	34 Larson
50 Hargan	49 Moore	40 Hoerner	42 Lemongello
38 Kline	50 Renko	47 Hume	39 McLaughlin
26 LaCorte	43 P. Reuschel	37 Murray	36 J. Niekro
31 Leon	48 R. Reuschel	31 Moskau	30 Pentz
27 Messersmith	42 Sutter	32 Norman	50 Richard
35 P. Niekro	31 Todd	41 Seaver	35 Sambito

LOS ANGELES	MONTREAL	PHILADELPHIA	PITTSBURGH
44 Downing	32 Alcala	40 Brusstar	45 Candelaria
29 Garman	42 Atkinson	32 Carlton	44 Demery
46 Hooton	22 Bahnsen	38 Christenson	51 Forster
49 Hough	31 Brown	26 Garber	54 Gossage
25 John	18 Kerrigan	39 Kaat	35 Jackson
31 Rau	20 McEnaney	47 Lerch	36 O. Jones
36 Rhoden	45 Rogers	41 Lonborg	25 Kison
27 Sosa	26 Stanhouse	45 McGraw	41 Reuss
20 D. Sutton	33 Twitchell	42 Reed	19 Rooker
45 Wall	16 Walker	33 Warthen	27 Tekulve

ST. LOUIS	SAN DIEGO	SAN FRANCISCO
33 C. Carroll	16 D'Acquisto	33 Barr
36 Denny	34 Fingers	34 Cornutt
49 Dierker	33 Griffin	40 Curtis
26 Eastwick	35 R. Jones	28 Halicki
41 Falcone	44 Owchinko	60 Heaverlo
31 B. Forsch	27 Sawyer	39 Knepper
39 Hrabosky	47 Shirley	46 Lavelle
34 Metzger	48 Spillner	47 McGlothen
42 Rasmussen	37 Tomlin	17 Moffitt
40 Underwood	24 Wehrmeister	26 Montefusco
38 Urrea		49 Williams

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BALTIMORE	BOSTON	CALIFORNIA	CHICAGO	CLEVELAND
45 Chevez	22 Campbell	34 Brett	51 Anderson	22 Bibby
37 Drago	26 Cleveland	45 Hartzell	46 Barrios	35 Buskey
46 Flanagan	36 Hernandez	17 Laroche	26 Hamilton	41 Dobson
48 Grimsley	31 Jenkins	41 Miller	24 B. Johnson	37 Eckersley
23 T. Martinez	37 Lee	38 Nolan	33 Kirkwood	39 Fitzmorris
30 D. Martinez	47 Murphy	47 Ross	45 Knapp	23 Garland
43 R. May	48 Paxton	30 Ryan	27 Kravec	32 Hood
39 McGregor	46 Stanley	19 Scott	36 Lagrow	34 Kern
22 Palmer	23 Tiant	46 Simpson	32 Stone	17 Monge
	40 Wise	40 Tanana	28 Wood	36 Waits

DETROIT	KANSAS CITY	MILWAUKEE	MINNESOTA	NEW YORK
36 Arroyo	29 Bird	46 Augustine	19 Burgmeier	50 Clay
21 Bare	48 Colborn	29 Beare	30 Goltz	31 Figueroa
28 Crawford	37 Gura	35 Castro	36 Holly	49 Guidry
20 Fidrych	16 Hassler	18 Cort	27 D. Johnson	35 Gullett
29 Foucault	22 Leonard	30 Haas	21 T. Johnson	53 Holtzman
49 Grilli	17 Littell	10 McClure	20 D. May	29 Hunter
18 Hiller	23 Mingori	23 Rodriguez	17 Redfern	28 Lyle
17 Roberts	33 Pattin	41 Slaton	34 Schueler	19 Tidrow
19 Rozema	34 Splittorf	39 Sorensen	23 Thormodsgard	48 Torrez
31 Rhule			38 Zahn	
27 Sykes				

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14 Blue	17 Abbott	33 Alexander	21 Bruno
15 Coleman	29 House	37 Bacsik	27 Byrd
36 Ellis	46 R. Jones	28 Blyleven	22 DeBarr
31 Giusti	37 Kekich	34 Briles	36 Garvin
46 Lacey	25 Montague	35 Devine	34 Jefferson
22 Langford	30 Pagan	31 Marshall	44 J. Johnson
33 Medich	45 Pole	36 Perry	23 Lemanczyk
16 Norris	27 Segui	32 Knowles	48 Singer
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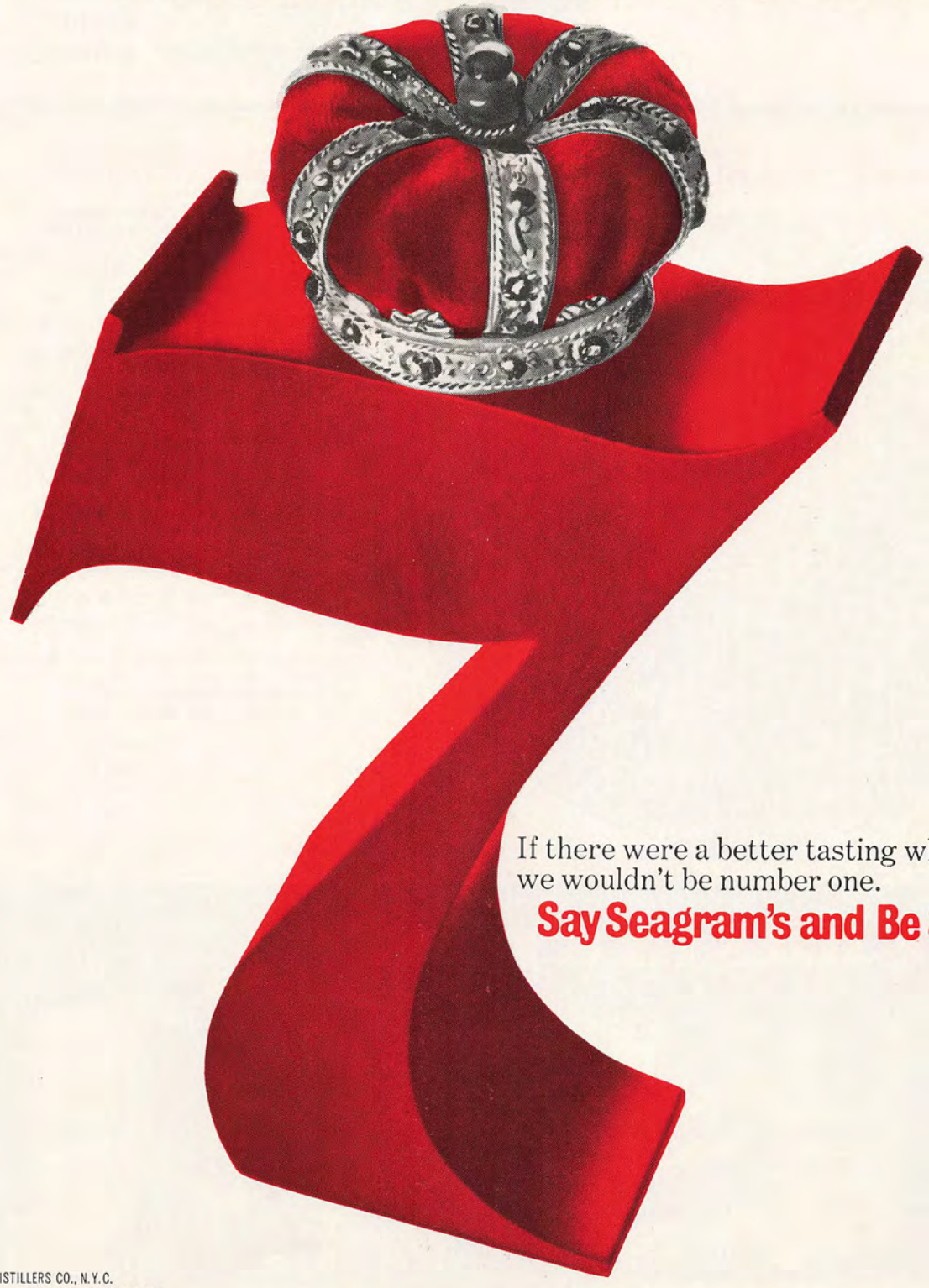

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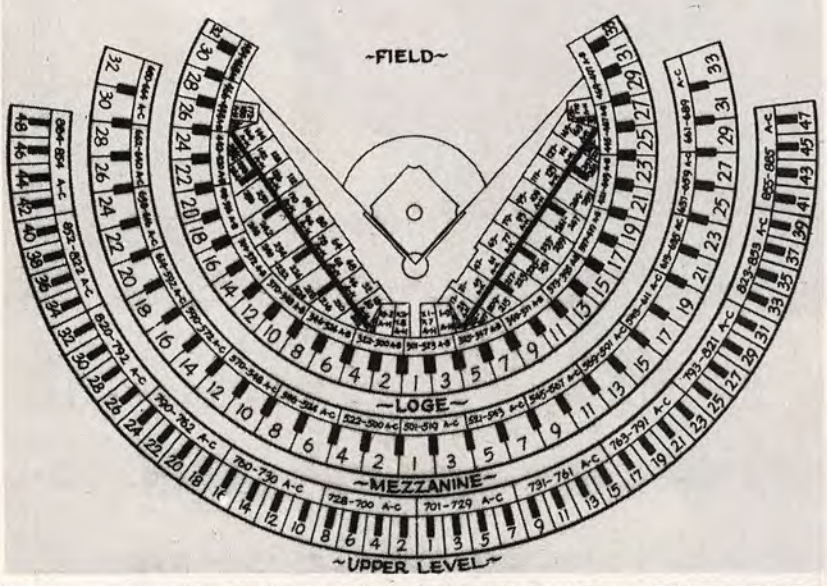

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Shea Stadium**	8:00-6:00	9:00-5:00	9:00-5:00
Manufacturers Han.***	9:00-3:00	Closed	Closed
Abraham & Straus****	9:45-7:00	9:45-7:00	Closed

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1977 GAME TIMES

Game	Wk-days	Sat.	Sun.
Single	2:05	2:05	2:05
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has to make the play.

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As for the new mental outlook, Milner credits Cincinnati All Star Joe Morgan.

"Joe told me what to look for and how to look for it," Milner said. "He told me about going the other way when they don't give me the pitch I can pull.

"I know now how they used to pitch me," Milner continued. "I know how they used to move the ball off the plate and I couldn't handle it. I was hitting their pitch, the pitcher's pitch. Now I'm waiting for a ball in my area, in my zone. I used to just look for the ball, but not anymore. Now I'm looking for my pitch."

HOW TO GET TO SHEA STADIUM

BY RAILROAD—Long Island Railroad direct to Shea Stadium station.

BY SUBWAY—VIA IRT, connections can be made from Times Square or Grand Central Stations. From either point, take Main Street, Flushing train direct to Stadium.

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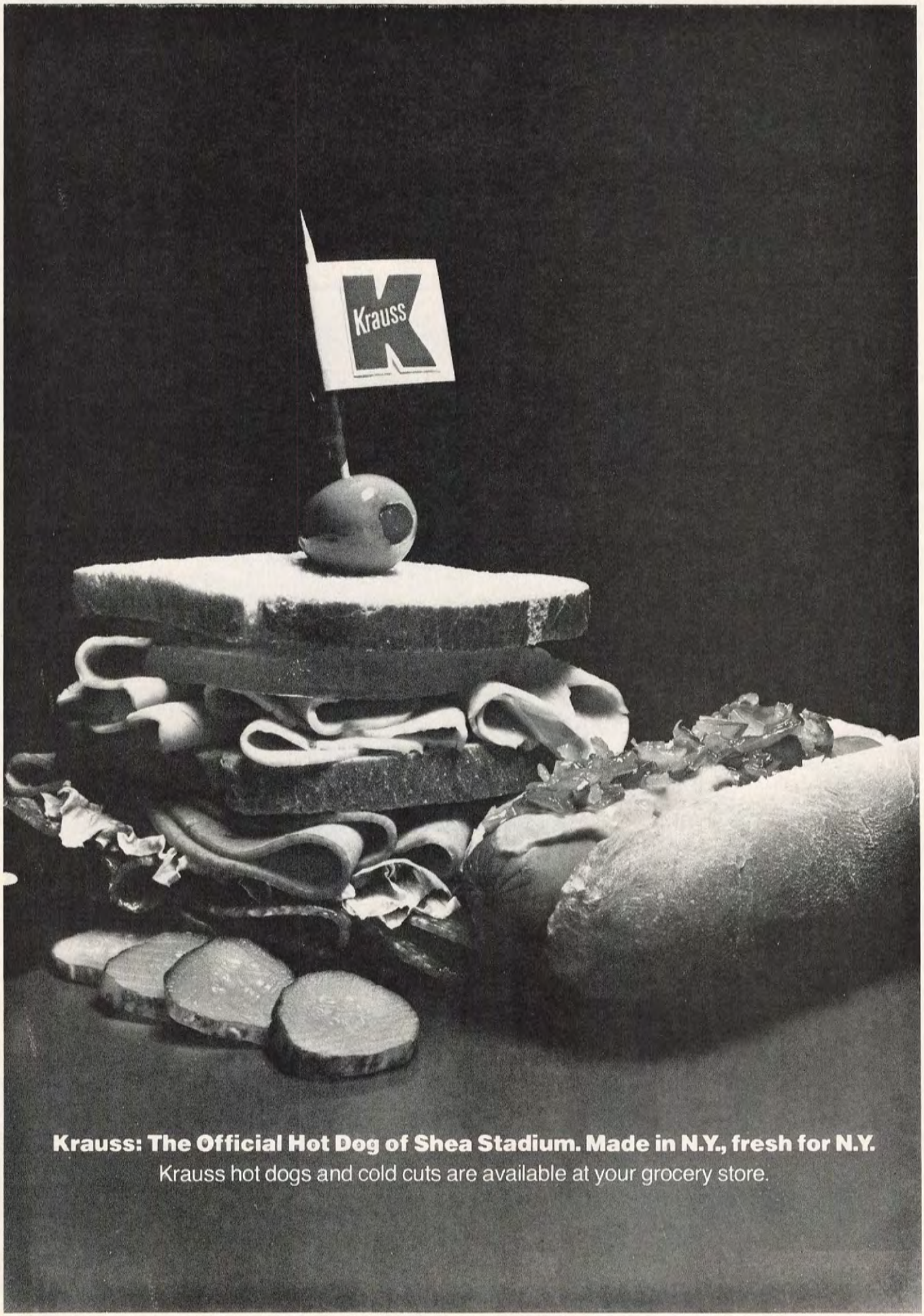
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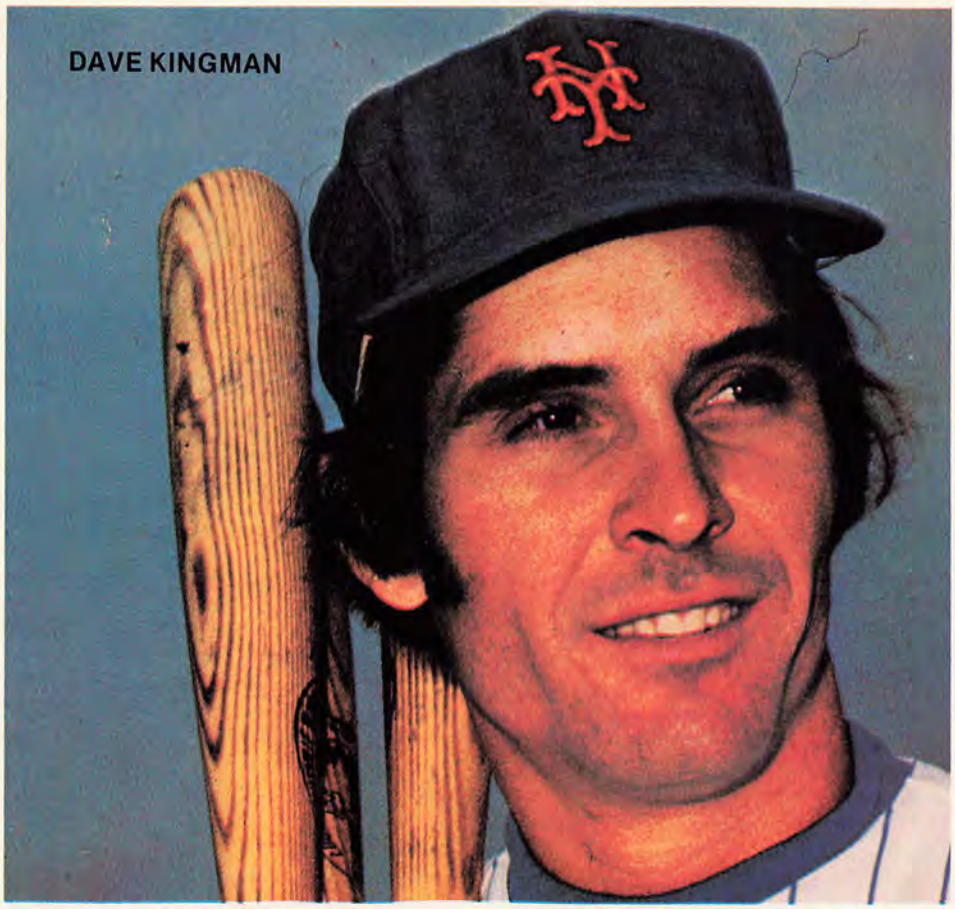

A Love Affair With The Long Ball

BY DICK YOUNG
New York Daily News

Dave Kingman is living the curse of Babe Ruth. "Everytime I go up, everybody expects me to hit a home run," says Dave Kingman, who, had he lived up to expectations, would have hit 474 home runs last year instead of only 37.

Only 37 fell one short of the league leader, Mike Schmidt, who went to bat 110 times more than Kingman. Dave missed 33 games in July and August while waiting for his left thumb to heal. He had asked that thumb to do something almost as impossible as the expectation that he hit a home run every time at-bat; he wanted it to stick into the turf at Shea Stadium and support the rest of the 6-foot-6, 210 pounds of him in a thumb-stand. The ligament rebelled, and an operation followed.

The attempt at that diving catch was made on a ball batted down the left line by Phil Niekro, Atlanta pitcher. Kingman, playing left field at the time, was fading Niekro heavily toward center. After all, who can anticipate that Phil Niekro would pull Tom Seaver.

"I have no regrets about how I played the ball," says Dave Kingman. "but it's pretty frustrating when I think that I got hurt diving for a ball hit by a pitcher. I wouldn't mind so much if it had been another hitter."

The other hitter in Dave Kingman's life is Mike Schmidt. Ask Philly's $3 million man if he expects another hot home-run finish with Skyking, and Schmidt says:

"If Dave stays healthy, it will be no contest. He should win it hands down. He would have won it hands down last year if he had stayed healthy."

There are some who think that Bobby Murcer looms as the new NL home run threat, now that he has been traded to Wrigley Field, the long-baller's dream, where the wild wind blows, invariably out. Ted Simmons dissents. He studies hitters from a squatting position behind home plate in St. Louis.

"Kingman is the one pure home run hitter in our league," says Simmons. "Schmidt and Murcer can hit them in certain ballparks. Kingman can hit them anywhere. He has a genuine home run swing."

Kingman also grows increasingly difficult to get out. His .238 average of last season, and his stockpile of K's may reject that assumption, but Tug McGraw insists it is so, at least for him,

"He improved as a hitter last year," says the former Met relief ace, now saving games for Philly. "He was an easy out for me before that. I'm not talking about home runs only, but singles and doubles. He stopped chasing so much."

When a man with Kingman's power "gets all of it," as the players say about a ball hit smack on the nose, the result is a tape-measure job that has baseball people buzzing with excitement. Such a shot sailed into the Florida night during an exhibition game against the Yankees in 1975.

"I have never seen one hit any further," said Mickey Mantle, who is not easily impressed by tapers. That one was stroked off Catfish Hunter, not your conventional batting practice pitcher.

As Ted Simmons says, Kingman hits them anyplace, off anybody. There was a young man named Tom Detorre who tried, last April, to sneak one past Skyking. The ball hit off some building beyond the left field fence, estimated at 600 feet in full flight.

"I didn't think I hit it that well," said Kingman. Sometimes it just gets up in the jetstream in Chicago, and there it goes."

Kingman knows when he gets it all. He describes it this way:

"You can tell it. You can hardly feel anything in your hands. The bat bends in your hands. The bat takes the full sting. It's a great thrill to really get into one."

Kingman has a theory on tape-measure homers I haven't heard expressed before. He says they result from the good part of the bat meeting the hardest part of the ball.

The hardest part of the ball?

The seams," says Kingman. "That's the hardest part of the ball."

When that happens, he usually stands there at home, watching the ball in soaring flight instead of taking off for first base.

"It's a great feeling," he says. He smiles. He is a 6-foot-6 little boy now. The humility expected of grown-ups is discarded. He doesn't feel the need, at this moment, to say, "I don't think about home runs." He is Dave Kingman, pure home run hitter, as he talks about his love affair with the long ball.

"That's one thing I never get tired of," he says, "watching the ball go over the fence."

The Fan's Dream Game

Great Moments Out of the Past

From the moment that Chicago Tribune sports editor Arch Ward first thought of it, the All-Star Game has been one of **the** memorable moments in any baseball season. The dream of every fan has always been to see the stars of each league pitted against each other on the same diamond. And yet there are moments that no fan of baseball can forget, moments which make the dream All-Star Game even more exciting.

Two of the all-time greats — Willie Mays and Joe DiMaggio. Between them, they participated in a total of 35 All-Star games.

The first of these highlights became baseball legend instantly. It happened in the 1934 All-Star Game, the second ever played. The American League was heavily favored, but the National League manager Bill Terry started his own Carl Hubbell, the New York Giants' "meal ticket." Hubbell had finished the previous year's All-Star Game and was the only National League pitcher to shut out the opposition.

Hubbell, though, began badly, giving up a single to Charlie Gehringer and walking Heinie Manush. But that was all. Throwing only his patented screwball, Hubbell struck out the side — and some side it was: Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Jimmy Foxx.

In the top of the second inning, Hubbell's string continued. First, Al Simmons and then Joe Cronin went down on strikes. The third batter, the great Yankee catcher Bill Dickey, took two strikes — and singled to left. But, Lefty Gomez struck out, and Hubbell had achieved immortality. He had faced the finest lineup — possibly the finest in the history of the game — and had struck out five in a row.

There is one more part of this great moment that few remember. The American League hitters could not be denied forever. Once Hubbell left the game, the junior league jumped on the next two pitchers, the Cubs' Lon Warneke and the Dodgers' Van Mungo, for seven hits and eight runs as they went on to win the game If pitching gave the All-Star Game its first great moment, home runs have given the Game many since. The Red Sox's "Splendid Splinter," Ted Williams, first appeared in the 1940 All-Star Game, but his first big game was the next year.

The National League led, 5-3, going into the ninth inning. With one out, the American League loaded the bases and scored one run. Williams advanced to face the Chicago Cub ace, Claude Passeau. The resulting home run landed in the upper right fields stands and gave the American League a 7-5 triumph.

Just as dramatic were two home runs by two St. Louis Cardinal all-time All-Stars. Red Schoendienst broke up what was at that time, 1950, the longest All-Star Game. Facing the Tigers' Ted Gray in the 14th inning at Comiskey Park in Chicago, Schoendienst put a fast ball in the seats, giving the senior league its first All-Star victory in an American League ballpark. Just five years later, Cardinal great Stan Musial hit Frank Sullivan's first pitch of the 12th inning for a tie-breaking home run in a 6-5 victory. Musial's home run had been preceded by some pitching heroics by the Milwaukee Braves Gene Conley who had struck out Al Kaline, Mickey Vernon and Al Rosen in succession to hold off the American League in the top of the 12th.

Pitching and hitting have always provided moments of greatness, memories for baseball fans to dream about. And since the fans can now, once again, vote for the starting players in the fan election underwritten by the Gillette Company's Safety Razor Division, the fans can do more than talk. They, too, have a voice in who will perform in this year's heroics and provide next year's memories. But sometimes the memories are provided by forces other than the swing of a bat or the pop of a fastball.

In 1961, for example, the most memorable moment was provided by nature — which almost won the game, too. The All-Star Game that year was played in San Francisco's Candlestick Park, known for its breezes. In the top of the 9th inning when the American League came to bat trailing 3-1, the winds began to blow. Two National League pitchers, Roy Face and Sandy Koufax, were knocked out of the box in succession as the American League scored one run and put two men on base.

Giant pitcher Stu Miller, a small man, came in to put out the fire, but as he wound up to pitch to Yogi Berra, the wind blew him off the mound. The umpires called a balk, and on the next pitch, Berra swung, hitting the ball to Ken Boyer. The wind twisted the grounder erratically, and the normally sure-gloved Boyer bobbled the ball, permitting the tying run to score.

One inning later, the now-completely victimized Boyer threw wildly, permitting Nellie Fox to score from first base. Luckily, the Nationals scored twice in their half of the inning and won the game 5-4.

Carl Hubbell, who achieved immortality in the second All-Star game ever played, visits with the late Met owner, Mrs. Joan W. Payson, during an Oldtimers Day program at Shea.

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BASEBALL HALL OF FAME QUIZ

1: Five players were chosen in the first Baseball Hall of Fame election back in 1936. Early in their careers two of them — Honus Wagner and Babe Ruth — played under a manager who later was himself elected to the Hall of Fame. Can you name this man?

2: Bob Feller pitched a record 11 one-hitters during his career, but another Hall of Famer holds the record for most one-hit games in a season. Who is he?

3: In a batting race that was even closer than last year's American League battle, three Hall of Famers once finished 1-2-3 and within seven-tenths of a point of each other. Do you remember them?

4: Only one player has ever hit game-winning home runs in two successive World Series contests and he's in the Hall of Fame. Name him.

5: Henry Aaron set a major league mark by hitting 30 or more home runs in a season 15 times, but a player now in the Hall of Fame holds the record for consecutive years of 30 or more round-trippers. Who is he?

6: Eight unassisted triple plays have been made in major league history. On two occasions the batting victims were Hall of Famers. Do you know who they were?

7: Which Hall of Famer holds the major league record for most runs scored in a season?

8: The youngest player ever to appear in a World Series game is a member of the Hall of Fame. Can you name him?

HANK AARON

METS ALL-STAR GAME SELECTIONS

1962	Richie Ashburn, of	1971	Bud Harrelson*, ss Tom Seaver, RHP
1963	Duke Snider, of	1972	Willie Mays*, of Tug McGraw, LHP Tom Seaver, RHP
1964	Ron Hunt*, 2b	1973	Willie Mays, of Tom Seaver, RHP
1965	Ed Kranepool, 1b	1974	Jerry Grote, c Jon Matlack, LHP
1966	Ron Hunt, 2b	1975	Jon Matlack, LHP Tom Seaver, RHP
1967	Tom Seaver, RHP	1976	Dave Kingman*, OF Jon Matlack, LHP Tom Seaver, RHP
1968	Jerry Grote*, c Jerry Koosman, LHP Tom Seaver, RHP		
1969	Cleon Jones*, of Jerry Koosman, LHP Tom Seaver, RHP		
1970	Bud Harrelson, ss Tom Seaver, RHP		

* Starting player

9: The major league record for most home runs by a player in an opposing team's park in a season is ten. Which Hall of Famer established the mark?

10: Breaking into the majors with a six-hit shutout, he had a 4-0 won-lost record in his debut season. While he never notched another victory, he remained in the big leagues for 17 seasons and was elected to the Hall of Fame. Name this player.

11: Two players have each drawn a pair of walks in the same inning in World Series games. One is a Hall of Famer. Do you know who he is?

12: Although he ranks in the top three in both lifetime doubles and triples, this Hall of Famer also holds the record for most singles in a career. Who is he?

13: Nine players have achieved the feat of collecting nine hits in a doubleheader in the majors. Can you name the four Hall of Famers who are credited with this achievement?

14: By winning the batting title at age 39, he became the oldest swat champion in major league history. A year later he captured the batting crown again. Which Hall of Famer did this?

15: Only one player in major league history has received five intentional bases on balls in one game and he's in the Hall of Fame. Who is he?

(Answers on Page 32)

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BASEBALL'S TOP THREESOME:

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books, is history. Four 20-game seasons, three Cy Young awards, two pennants and one World's Championship were some of the surface achievements of the handsome Californian, who now makes his home in Connecticut.

At 32, Seaver still seems capable of several marvelous seasons as testified to by his record-breaking strikeout pace (235 last year for the ninth over 200K-year in a row), a snappy 14-11 mark with a 2.59 ERA and 271 innings pitched, his tenth straight season of steady, exceptional performance.

There is only one feat Seaver has not yet achieved in his splendid career, a no-hitter, though his near-miss perfect game in 1969 was a memory none who saw it could ever forget.

"Ahh," says Seaver, with a still boyish grin, "I can pitch a no-hitter any time I want."

Koosman could win 20 games any time he wanted. Last year he wanted so he went out, won 21 games, turned in a brilliant 2.70 ERA and reached his pitching peak in his ninth Met season.

The 33-year-old Minnesotan was in the Mets organization a year before Seaver. After playing in farm leagues around his Appleton, Minnesota home, he pitched for an Army team at Fort Bliss, Texas. His catcher, John Luchese, wrote to his dad, a Shea usher, about the exploits of the gangling lefty. The Mets dispatched scout Red Murff and Koosman signed with the Mets.

His career almost ended before it began. He suffered through a 5-11 at Greenville and an 0-2 at Williamsport as a professional rookie. "No prospect," reported the scouts.

On the threshold of being an ex-Met, Koosman had a car accident. He wired Mets farm director Joe McDonald (now the GM) for seventy-five bucks. McDonald advanced the money and saved Koosman later from being cut by saying, "We can't cut him. He still owes me seventy-five bucks."

Thus reprieved, Koosman matured quickly as a pitcher, won 19 games in 1968 as a rookie (only to lose the rookie award to a kid catcher named Johnny Bench) and was 17-9 in the pennant year of 1969. Seaver and Koosman won 17 of their last 18 games as the Mets rushed past the Cubs to the pennant.

Champagne popped in the Mets clubhouse last September when Koosman won his 20th game of the season.

"I never realized how good this would feel," he said, "until I did it."

It is an experience that Matlack may experience before the first leaves of fall. He was 17-10 last season with a 2.95 ERA for his biggest season.

The tall, hard-throwing lefthander from West Chester, Pa., has been threatening to win 20 games for the last five seasons. He has gained pitching maturity and poise with each outing over the last couple of years.

Matlack was barely 17 years old when he signed his first Mets contract. At 22 he was pitching regularly and at 23 won a World Series game against Oakland. At 27 he could be ready for several more experiences in the World Series.

The Mets have always been heavy on pitching. This season is no exception. With some help from the hitters and the defense, Seaver, Koosman and Matlack could lead the Mets back to a pennant.

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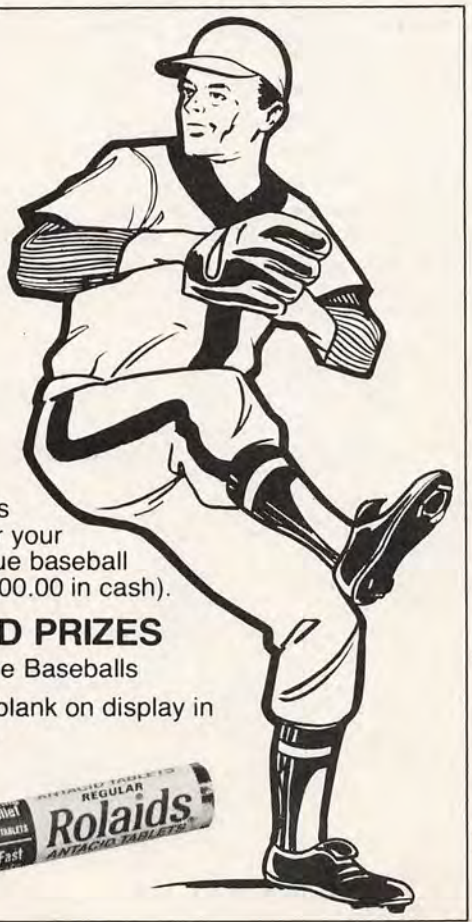

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HALL OF FAME:

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and the many other mementoes and pictures of his career — plus the chance to listen to a recording of his voice.

At the same time, the "Baseball Today" Room has a special fascination. It contains separate displays on all 26 major league teams, including the two new expansion teams, the Seattle Mariners and Toronto Blue Jays. In addition, there are individual exhibits on numerous contemporary stars such as Tom Seaver, Nolan Ryan and others.

The majestic Hall of Fame Room likewise enthralls fans. Here can be seen the handsome bronze plaques of the 160 Hall of Fame members. Other areas of special interest include the U.S. Presidents Room, the Records Room, the Hank Aaron display, the Negro Leagues exhibit and the memorabilia of Hall of Fame members.

For many, a high spot of their visit comes while watching the baseball movies that are shown daily. The hilarious Abbott and Costello "Who's on First" spoof delights audiences, and the films of World Series, All-Star Games and other great moments that are shown regularly also have proved to be big hits.

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Cooperstown itself charms most tourists. Tucked into the scenic rolling hills of central New York, it has been dubbed "The Village of Museums" because four museums are located there. The town's quaint little stores and shops and its nineteenth-century appearance enchant visitors. Every baseball fan should plan to visit Cooperstown and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. The game's shrine is open seven days a week the year round except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

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Answers To Hall of Fame Quiz

1: Ed Barrow was Wagner's manager at Paterson of the Atlantic League in 1896 and piloted the Boston Red Sox in 1918-19 when Ruth was with that club. He later built the Yankees' championship dynasty.

2: Grover Cleveland Alexander, who tossed four one-hitters for the Philadelphia Phillies in 1915.

3: In 1931, Chick Hafey hit .3489 while barely nosing out Bill Terry (.3486) and Jim Bottomley (.3482) for the National League crown.

4: Frank Baker, who turned the trick for the Philadelphia A's on October 16-17, 1911 against the New York Giants.

5: Jimmie Foxx. He did it 12 consecutive seasons — 1929 to 1940.

6: Jim Bottomley and Paul Waner. Glenn Wright, Pittsburgh shortstop, started his unassisted triple play of May 7, 1925 by grabbing Bottomley's line drive, while Jimmy Cooney, Chicago Cub shortstop, began his by catching a liner off Waner's bat on May 30, 1927.

7: Billy Hamilton. He scored 196 times while playing 131 games with the Philadelphia Phillies in 1894.

8: Fred Lindstrom was still almost two months short of his 19th birthday when he played third base and batted .333 for the New York Giants in the 1924 World Series.

9: Harry Heilmann. He did it for the Detroit Tigers in Philadelphia in 1922. He hit 21 homers altogether that year.

10: Roger Bresnahan, who switched to catching and became one of the game's great receivers.

11: Lefty Gomez of the New York Yankees. He was passed twice in one inning in the 1937 World Series. The other player is Dick McAuliffe of the Detroit Tigers in 1968.

12: Ty Cobb. He collected 3,053 singles, more than 400 ahead of his nearest rival.

13: Wilbert Robinson (1892), Joe Kelley (1894), Fred Lindstrom (1928) and Bill Terry (1929).

14: Ted Williams. He accomplished the feat with averages of .388 in 1957 and .328 the following year.

15: Mel Ott. As a 20-year-old, he was purposely walked five times while the New York Giants were whipping the Philadelphia Phillies, 12-3, on Oct. 5, 1929. The Philadelphia strategy was designed to help safeguard the 43-42 lead Chuck Klein of the Phillies had over Ott in the National League home run derby.

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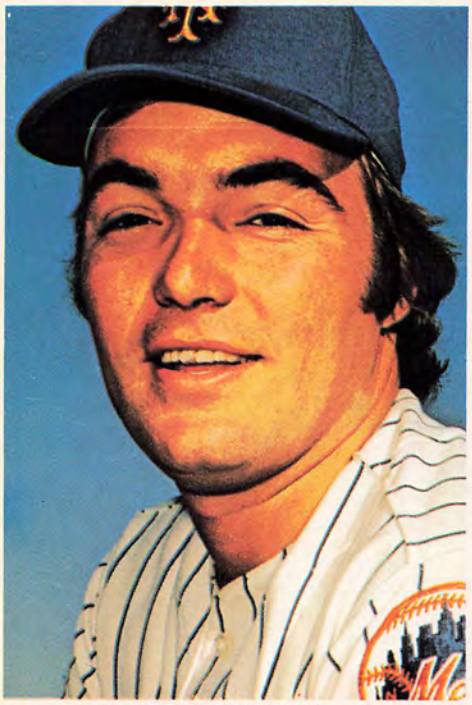

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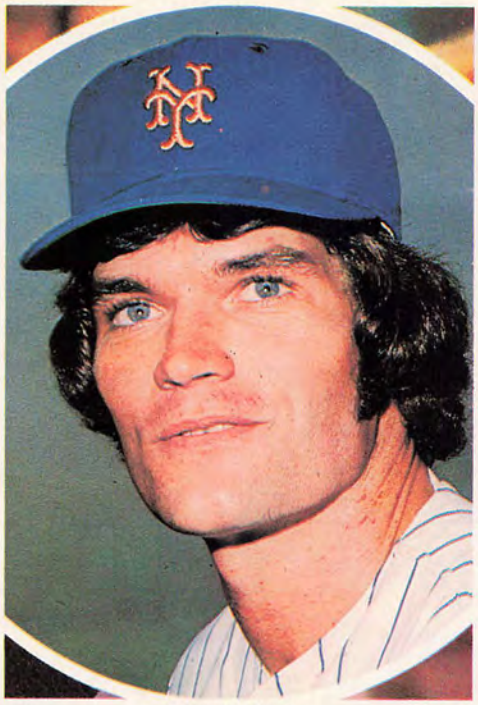

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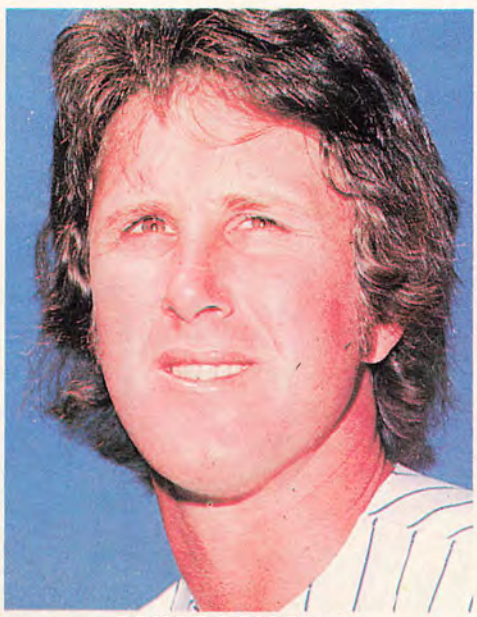

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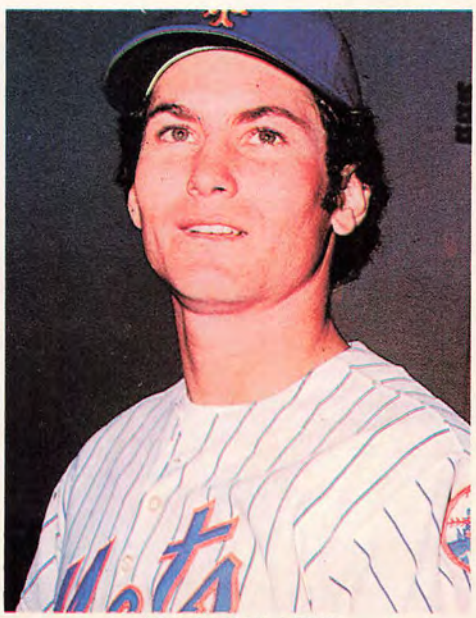

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GRAND SLAM HOMERS BY CURRENT METS

	Career	1976	Most Recent	Pitcher
John Milner	5	3	9-27-76 vs. Montreal	Chip Lang
Dave Kingman	4	0	8-24-75 vs. San Francisco	Jim Barr
Joe Torre	3	0	7-19-66 vs. St. Louis	Tracy Stallard
Jerry Grote	1	0	8-15-73 vs. San Diego	Steve Arlin
Felix Millan	1	0	4- 8-69 vs. San Francisco	Gaylord Perry

METS TRIPLE PLAYS

May 30, 1962 vs. Los Angeles at Polo Grounds:
Chacon(ss) - Mantilla(2b) - Hodges(1b)

May 31, 1964 vs. San Francisco at Shea:
McMillan(ss) - Kranepool (1b)

April 15, 1965 vs. Houston at Shea:
Lewis(rf) - Cannizzaro(c) - McMillan(ss)

September 28, 1966 vs. Chicago at Shea:
Bressoud(3b) - Hiller(2b) - Hickman (1b)

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